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I went to town this morning to meet Servan-Schreiber, with whom I talked for a couple of hours. News of the Soviet request for another conference on Germany, collective security in Europe, etc., had been broadcast on the radio this morning, but as neither Jean-Jacques nor myself had seen the text, I limited myself to saying I thought my Government would not accept the offer, and certainly would not confer again with the Russians on Germany until France had passed on the EDC.

We then plunged into the EDC morass and wallowed there. He said Mendès had derived the impression from the Dulles letter to the Foreign Relations Committee, from certain recent remarks of Churchill in the House of Commons, from conversations between Massigli and British officials (probably Selwyn Lloyd), from intimations of what had transpired at the U.S.-U.K. working group meetings in London, that, although the division of the Bonn contractuals from the EDC Treaty had been agreed between the U.S. and U.K., the question of German rearmament had been postponed rather indefinitely. I told him that if Mendès is harboring this impression, and is influenced by it in formulating the action promised by him on EDC, he is proceeding along a dangerous path. Servan said if I were correct in believing that, in the event France does not act on EDC at least on a first reading in the Assembly, before the summer parliamentary recess, the U.S. and U.K. Governments intend to address themselves immediately thereafter not only to the restoration of Fedrep sovereignty but also to the problem of rearming Fedrep other than through EDC, then Mendès' interpretation in this regard should be speedily corrected.

Servan expects Mendès to obtain a favorable vote on his economic program, on his Tunisian policy, and on the constitutional revision issue. I expressed my emphatic hope that the Prime Minister would give full Government backing to the present EDC Treaty text and put it to the Assembly on a vote of confidence.

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Servan replied that, if this were done, Koenig, and probably the other ex-Gaullists, would certainly resign. "So what," I politely replied, and we were off on a review of past and present French politics.

On the whole, I am encouraged by my conversation with Servan. There is a bare possibility he himself, though once opposed to EDC, has to some extent modified his position, and may even counsel Mendès to sponsor its ratification by the Parliament.

Servan asked me to explain the apparent anomaly in my personal position in that I seemed to deal with the top Government officials in the other countries but not in France on EDC matters. I explained to him that the arrangement had been made when I returned to Europe in February ~~1953~~ 1954, and it was then decided our Paris Embassy would handle the necessary interchanges on this subject.

Upon my return to La Lanterne, I found our lunch guests -- the Ismays, Isabelle and Laurie Norstad, Wi and Cort Schuyler -- already there. I had a good talk with Pug about my concern over the French reaction on the U.S.-U.K. return-of-sovereignty-to-Germany pronouncements, and the danger of confusion as to what we really intend to do if France does not ratify the EDC. I think Pug can be useful in this connection with Jebb.

We discussed, as we have in the past, the advisability of the U.K. appointing as its next representative to the NATO Council a man of acknowledged political stature, preferably a former Cabinet Minister. Pug is intent on this being done.

We came to town early this afternoon. Hayes Kroner had tea with us, and later my Washington bookdealer friend, Sidney Kramer, and his wife arrived. He is excellent company. This is their first trip abroad.

Next, Stan Cleveland called, with a translation of part of the Soviet note on the big power meeting. Jean Monnet shortly followed and stayed for dinner. He is much better, but must take a further rest. He feels certain Mendès can

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pass EDC if he wishes to. He considers Servan Schreiber has more influence on his political decisions than any other individual, and was pleased to hear I had been in contact with Jean-Jacques.

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